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### Credit Court.

In our last issue we gave a few items from the Credit Court proceedings of the first day. Below will be a continuation of items from the proceedings commencing with Tuesday November 12th.

State vs John Gray, charged with selling liquor without license. Convicted, fined \$1.00 and costs.

Grand Jury presented the following indictments, to-wit: James L. Keyes, murderer in the first degree; William Robertson, grand larceny; Colley Williams, burglary; Jas. H. Parker, grand larceny.

State vs John Denix, exhibiting deadly weapons, generally.

State vs John L. Whitelett, disturbing peace of person, convicted by state.

State vs Jas. H. Parker, grand larceny, defendant plead guilty and being under 18 years of age, is sentenced to 60 days in county jail.

State vs A. B. Elliott, gaming; tried by court, found guilty and fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Samuel Holman, selling liquor without license; forfeiture of recognizance set aside and defendant recognized to appear at next term of court in the sum of \$100.

State vs Gus Houk, disturbing peace of family, tried by court and found not guilty.

State vs J. N. Smith, disturbing religious worship, continued by the State.

State vs Chas. Kelsoe, exhibiting deadly weapons. Plead guilty and fined \$10 and costs.

State vs David Mellon, grand larceny recognized forfeited.

State vs N. Halligan, gaming, failed to appear and alias capias ordered.

State vs Robert Bates, permitting drinking on his premises. Plead guilty and fined \$— and cost.

State vs William Washington, charged with exhibiting deadly weapon, son.

State vs John C. Bates, selling liquor on Sunday. Plead guilty and fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs Wm. Gross, disturbing peace, defendant failed to appear and alias capias ordered.

State vs Jas. Good, and others, disturbing peace of person. Jas. Good and —— Fletcher plead guilty and fined \$1.00 each and cost, and Benj. Gorntoing to appear alias capias is ordered for him.

State vs M. C. Jacobs, charged with selling adulterated liquors. Case nolle proscript.

State vs M. H. Fowler, disturbing peace, nolle proscript.

State vs Wm. Elliott, disturbing peace of person, defendant failed to appear and bond forfeited, alias capias ordered.

State vs C. J. Chevenger, petty larceny, dismissed at cost of defendant.

State vs John W. Halligan, dismissed at defendants costs.

John W. Francis, late Sheriff of Ray county, acknowledged a debt to Almonie Allen.

State vs A. K. Reynbur, charged with obstructing highway, tried by jury and found not guilty.

On Thursday morning the grand jury presented indictments, to-wit: Chas. Pugh, grand larceny; John Staudey, assault to rape.

State vs Leyl Baily, charged with breaking into a store at Lawson, tried by a jury and found not guilty.

Case of State vs John Baily, charged assault to kill, continued by State.

Case of State vs John G. Robertson, assault to kill, continued by state.

State vs Geo. E. Jones, and others, obstructing public road, dismissed; as to James T. Payne, at his cost, and alias capias ordered for Geo. E. Jones.

For further Circuit Court proceedings see third page.

### A Fraudulent Scheme.

Silas A. Grant, late of Cincinnati, and A. F. Wilson, were arrested last Saturday, in Denver, Col., for conducting fraudulent schemes through the mail, and the name of the Denver Land Company, and taken before a U. S. Commissioner. They waived examination and were committed. Bond not being paid, it will remain in jail. A. Dispatch, dated Denver, November 8th, says: The scheme was planned in Cincinnati, and the stereotyped plan prepared, and has already started over eight thousand first-class newspapers in the Eastern and middle States. Grant came to Denver to secure land for the purpose, the same bill of exchange, and money, in another country, which was plotted out and recorded, as North Denver. Although known here but eight days, there has been a perfect avalanche of the fraud was discovered by the local newspapers and bitterly condemned by the citizens. The postmaster reported it to the department, and last night received orders to deliver no registered letters and pay no more orders to Grant. He has been made by special agent H. Hall, and special agent F. M. He asks the department to order the withholding of ordinary let-

To rid a populous house of red lie, fumigate it with burning sulphur in which has been placed a pound of old tobacco leaves, or a peice of common resin twice as large as an egg, the house in the meantime being closed perfectly tight. Insects cannot live in this kind of atmosphere.

### Library of Universal Knowledge.

Volume two of this very excellent, and from an economical point of view, extraordinary work, was issued October 25th. It's 720 neatly printed and well bound pages contain a wealth of knowledge, covered by the alphabet between the two volumes. The price of the second volume is \$1.00, complete, containing over 40,000 distinct articles, and neatly arranged in a clearly defined subject index, with comprehensive articles on all subjects. The price of the first volume is \$1.00, complete, containing over 20,000 articles, and neatly arranged in a clearly defined subject index, with comprehensive articles on all subjects. The price of the first volume is \$1.00, complete, containing over 20,000 articles, and neatly arranged in a clearly defined subject index, with comprehensive articles on all subjects.

The following very sensible remarks on this subject we copy from the Kansas City Times of last Sunday. They are worthy the serious consideration of school boards. Let them be very slow in adopting:

"But few persons are aware of the gigantic efforts now making in this State by many of the leading school book publishing houses to secure a complete or partial monopoly of the school book trade for the next five years. Counties must adopt school books on the first Tuesday of January, and these adoption resolutions will be voted for five years.

"The writer for five years unless the law should be repealed, or the publisher for five years unless every county or the purpose of adopting, tends of Education to adopt his books of their publishers at the January meeting. Every school district will be visited, and intense persuasion thoroughly passed as to how they should vote at the time of the county adoption.

"School books, as everybody knows, are high; entirely out of all proportion compared with other books, and to have the exclusive right to furnish school books to a State for five years is what might be called a "fat job."

"It is really better than a government contract to furnish Indians spoiled beef and pork for a term of years. Doubtless a half million dollars worth of school books are sold in the State of Missouri every year. For this exclusive trade a regular campaign has been projected; agents acting as field marshals, are concentrating their forces, and skirmishing is going on along the whole line, and in the end the people will foot all the bills.

"The president of the respective school districts of each county will meet at the appointed time and vote certain books as adopted, and the people will buy those books. But we said school books are high. A spelling book, that if sold at 10 cents, would yield a handsome profit, is sold for 25 or 30 cents; readers are almost as dear in the same proportion. A reader—a "tutu," say—that sells for seventy-five cents or a dollar, ought to be sold for forty, or not exceed fifty cents. If the county boards are wise, they will fix the price of text books—allowing a reasonable profit thereto—or not adopt. If no adoption is made, the people are not bound, and rather than pay such exorbitant prices for five years, it is better not to make an adoption, but leave it a free-for-all bid. School books are up to war prices, when one dollar in gold was worth about three in currency, and there is no reason why there should not have been a corresponding decline in the prices of the public.

"This school book question is really of more importance to the people of the State than any other question that will come up in the next two years—unless it be that of trade and immigration; and we think it is time that there should be a change, and a change too, in the interest of the people. Did the people understand this matter thoroughly, there would be unanimity of action—and we trust there will be before this dead weight is loaded on the State again, for another five years.

Crust Egg at Galesburg, Illinois.

The Hannibal Journal gives the following account of the egg of Gen. Grant at Galesburg, Ill., Tuesday evening, November 4th:

"Gen. Grant appeared on the veranda of the hotel in response to calls, and came out amid vociferous cheering. While addressing the assembly, some one in the crowd threw an egg with unerring aim, which hit the General square upon the forehead, breaking and splattering all over his face and clothes. The General quietly wiped his face and merely remarked that he would give a hundred dollars to know who did it. Altogether, there were three eggs thrown, and the excitement which follows beggars description, but in the darkness and the crowd the miscreants escaped detection. The heavy rewards are offered for the discovery of the scoundrels.

The citizens of Morgan county in mass meeting assembled, and adopted the following resolution in regard to the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued to the Osage Valley and Southern Kansas railroad:

"Resolved, That we will not pay said tax, nor any interest on said bonds; but will use all the means in our power to defeat the collection of the same; and that we will stand united, and aid and co-operate with each other in such measures as may be desired to defeat the collection of said tax, or the interest on said bonds."

Leave your business annoyances with the dust of your offices, and carry sunshine into the home circle.

### The School Book Monopoly.

#### SELECT POETRY.

##### THE BEAUTIFUL GATE.

We speak, we speak of the beautiful gate,

Whom have gone to the land above, And the gates of the river so death-like close;

By the shades of their love, So hearts are yearning in half and half,

To pillow some dreamless head, But we know that the beautiful chariot

not,

And our drowses are not dead;

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